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I am a founder and CEO of Chatango, LLC that operates <http://chatango.com>
We have nearly 8 million registered users.

I strongly oppose software patents, since in my opinion they stifle innovation for growing companies and start-ups like ours.

One example is the infamous Eolas 5,838,906 patent, <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eolas> , enforcement of which temporarily crippled the operations of Adobe Flash player in the Internet Explorer, with hundreds of millions users being affected (<http://www.devx.com/webdev/Article/30154>). The de-facto standard Flash technology, used by YouTube and many other popular internet sites is still under a threat from Eolas continued litigation.

It is also worth noticing that Eolas itself has not made any product.

I should disclaim that I hold a patent myself, 6,603,462 but I have since reversed my opinion, and I now think that the software patents actually interfere with innovation.

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